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What Are You Willing to Risk?

HAPPY New Year
2018

What's up in worship?

Today: Using the story of the "Wise Men" who came to worship Jesus, we'll consider what they risked to do so. As the New Year comes our way, what will we risk in order to live lives in worship to Christ and to follow him? **Next Week:** The baptism of Jesus reminds us that we are Empowered, Embraced and Engaged. As we move boldly into our new year, how should we engage? There's a Kingdom-building job to do and a grace-giving God to serve. What does/can this look like in 2018 – for you and for Wesley Church? Communion will be celebrated.

Today's Community Connections:

- The altar flowers are presented today by Bill, Anna, Maria, Sean, and Adam Stoerle in memory of Joseph and Estelle Ingenito. If you are interested in providing fresh flowers for worship, please sign up at the *Connections Corner* table. (See bullet point below.)
- If you purchased a pointessia, please take them home today! They will not survive much longer!
- Feel like you missed something? The *Connections Corner* table can help. Head across the atrium and get the information you need just under the tv monitor.
- Don't receive our weekly e-news? Please email Sue Kiefner at: SueK@wesleychurch.com to get on the list!
- Have you seen our new website? Ric Lehman has been working diligently to update it. Go check it out! Look next to the graphic above for where to go...
- Those who have assigned giving envelope numbers will please pick up their 2018 envelopes on the table just outside the library. Requests to have a number assigned to you can be shared with Sharon Schultz.
- Muany thanks to all who helped support the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Mammy's Angels Giving Tree!
- We are still hoping to raise funds for a replacement projector for the sanctuary. Please consider taking a tag from the peg board outside the sanctuary and help us *Project (Y)our Faith!*
- *The staff of Wesley Church wishes to send our heart-felt thanks for your many gifts to us and care for us during the holiday. We are blessed to work on your behalf and moreso, with you!*

2018 ALERT!

We had a wonderful time worshipping together through December. Now it's time to return to our normal schedule of worship and Sunday School, beginning next Sunday. Thanks for giving of yourselves to one another to experience a joyful Advent and Christmas!

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Today's morning schedule:

10:00 – Blended worship
Hospitality is offered in the atrium.
There is no Sunday School.

Church office hours are from 9
AM-3 PM weekdays during the
school year.

† invites all to stand, if able.

Blended Worship Order

December 31st, 2017; 10:00 AM – The First Sunday after Christmas/Epiphany

Prelude *Prelude in b minor* (arr. F. Chopin) Becky Graybeal, piano

† **Welcome and Greeting** Bob Keiderling, Minister of Discipleship

† **Praising God in Song** *Shout to the Lord* (from The Faith We Sing) Please see the projection.

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Message Pastor Andy

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Bob and Pastor Andy

Whether offering your prayer aloud or keeping it confidential, please continue to fill out the blue cards and place them in the offering so that the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending and Blessing for Bill Whipple and Teach Rwanda

Giving Our Tithes, Offerings and Other Gifts

Nehemiah 10:35-37: We assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD each year the firstfruits of our crops...we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God...offerings...and tithes.

The blue *Sign-in Cards / Prayer Cards* are available in the pew racks. They, as well as your morning offering, can be placed in the offering plates as they are passed along your pew. Thank you!

Offertory *We Three Kings* (Arr. C. Tornquist) Becky

† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (OLD 100TH) #95, Hymnal

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Hymn** *Come Let us Use the Grace Divine* #606, Hymnal

Message *"What Are You Willing to Risk?"* Pastor Andy

Examination of Conscience

In silent prayer and with an open heart, answer and confess as God asks you how it has been with you lately:

My dear child, think about your interior attitudes and disposition. Have your thoughts, your aspirations, your words, your actions of recent months been worthy of one of my apostles?

How have you faced your problems? Have you fallen in the face of them? What was the reason?

What are the obstacles between you and my grace? Are you removing them as you journey with me?

And what about your serving? Could you have been more generous, more courageous, more self-sacrificing, more cheerful?

What about your time? Do you make the time to be my disciple? Listen to me. Isn't it true that for the things which really interest you, you do find more time?

As my disciple, what have you done lately that I may be better known, that I may be more loved?

Are you with me or against me? At work, in your profession, at recreation - have you been my disciple? Would you have been proud to have me accompany you through the day?

My dear child, I count on you. And you, on whom or what do you count? Whom do you trust?

My dear child, don't stop halfway. I search for your fire, your energy, your surrender. I give you my Spirit of enthusiasm. You can use it, if you want. Accept my forgiveness as well. You can use it, too, if you want.

Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

Please see the insert.

Musical Response *Take My Life*(F. Havergal/ Arr. C. Tomlin and L. Giglio) Hannah and Sam Graybeal, singers

Take my life and let it be/Consecrated, Lord, to Thee./Take my moments and my days,/Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move/At the impulse of Thy love./Take my feet and let them be/Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing/Always, only for my King./Take my lips and let them be/Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold/Not a mite would I withhold./Take my intellect and use/Every power as You choose.

(Chorus) Here am I, all of me./Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine/It shall be no longer mine./Take my heart it is Thine own/It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord I pour/At Your feet it's treasure store/Take myself and I will be/Ever, only, all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be/Ever, only, all for Thee.

Here am I, all of me./Take my life, it's all for Thee./(Take my life, Lord take my life. Take all of me)

Here am I, all of me./Take my life, it's all for Thee.

Community Connections (Please see front of bulletin)

Andy and Bob

† Closing Song

A Charge to Keep I Have

#413, United Methodist Hymnal

† Benediction

Postlude

How Great Our Joy! (Arr. B. Wolves)

Becky, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."
Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

Dec. 24th **Dan Capwell** asking for relief from my tinnitus. **Donna Keiderling** prayers for Pat Solazzo with breast cancer; for Bob with flu-like symptoms. **Elizabeth Lewis** for my Grandfather, George. **Carolyn Miller** for Carolyn's brother, Paul Homan, on the sudden death of son, Gary. **Frank Madura** for God's wisdom as I search for a job; God's grace with all Care Givers; God's healing for two friends, Dennis & Mary, with cancer. **Kasey Renowden** for healing for friend, Hank Buck, who is in hospital; for cousin Dick (Jeanette) with stage 4 lung cancer; and for niece Brenda with bone cancer. **Deb Silliman** For safe travels for friends and family; Strength & healing for those struggling. Help us keep Christ in our celebrations. Pray for Aunt Ruth in hospice. **Laurie Billheimer & Scott Stackhouse** that Stephen is home safe from New Hampshire; safe travels next month for interviews; for Scott's brother hospitalized with heart issues; for friend Joe's family on his passing. **Bill Whipple** joy that I am able to return to Jan & Rwanda; gratitude for the support Melissa has been receiving.

Dec. 17th **Tina Alisio** for Evvy, infant daughter of co-worker; for Brett Fisher having open heart surgery to fix birth defect in heart. **Frank & Wendy Arbushites** for Keith having surgery this week. **Christine Bainbridge** For friend Terre Yeagle & husband, Jake, having difficulty with cancer treatments. **Clarke Chapman** for many families world wide fleeing violence and danger. **Joseph Herman** for Dannielle Adams (Heather's sister-in-law) fighting breast cancer. **Cindy Ivins** for strength & healing for Rebecca Flores during 20 weeks of chemo & radiation. **Joan & Mike** for Dennis F. as cancer has returned. **Tom & Betty Keel** for husband Tom's recovery from stent surgery; for brother Chris Pucci that he receive a kidney as he is on dialysis. **Meg Ksenzakovic** for healing a friend's sister dealing with 2nd aggressive cancer diagnosis. **Carolyn Migliori** for Keenan's procedure to remove cyst, Walt's dad rehabbing in nursing facility. **Kay Morgan** for 10 year old Ashton, that reason would be found for seizures. **Ken & Betty Weaver** for Ron Nakata in hospital & awaiting rehab; for **Scott Duncan**, suffering with cancer; for Christine, in rehab for depression & addiction. **Reggie Young** for testing & PET scan for 2 nodules; for fiancé Steve in hospital with congestive heart failure. **Sandy Kereczman** for continued pray for Andy as they do research for his rare form of cancer. **Rebecca Roe** for healing for herself, toxic black mold illness. **Chris Foster** for Ruby battling cancer.

JOYS AND PRAISES: Laurie Billheimer & Scott Stackhouse are joyful that **Sarah passed 2nd CPA exam** & taking 3rd in 3 weeks. Meg Ksenzakovic rejoices over **dad's healing after hip replacement**. Joan & Bob Barlieb grateful for **granddaughter Kyleigh's** continued healing. Frank & Wendy Arbushites **thankful for holy season** and **helping people** respond to the reason for the season. Louis Horwath now in **rehab after cancer surgery**.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO: Laurie Billheimer & Scott Stackhouse for families of Dawn & Katherine. Carolyn Miller's brother, Paul Homan, on the sudden death of nephew, Gary. Frank & Wendy Arbushites for Caskie family on passing of Grace's Dad. **Lois Donchez'** sister & family whose daughter passed.

CONTINUED HEALING /PRAYER CONCERNS: **Melissa Day** - cancer and treatments. **Betty Holt** - for lung concerns. Karen Maramas - for **Peter's Mother, Kate**. Mike & Suzanne Krom for **Theresa** - healing of cancer. Chuck & Wendy Stehly - **Jeff** - brain cancer; for **Ivelisse**, breast cancer. For Suzanne Hastie's parents **Aaron & Janice**. **Walter Migliori** completed treatments/ awaiting prognosis. Friend **Barb Brown** - bone cancer.

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP:

Gracedale Nancy Breon, Jane Sandt, Dorothy Collin
Moravian Village Agnes Smith, Loretta Jensen
Traditions of Hanover Marian Jeffery
Westminster Village Howard & Shirley Beiseigel
Irvin & Lorene Arnold
Manor Care Frances Brandon

At Home: George & Martha Danner, Betty Hein, Naomi Jones
Arlington (Easton) Sylvia Thele
King's Daughters Gertrude Kunsman
Traditions HOA Betty Holt
Sterling Heights Peggy Jacobson
Kirkland Village Barbara Guldner

WESLEY CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Our teachers and facilitators; Good Grief: Men's & Women's Small groups, TEACHRwanda; Visitation/Stephen Ministry; We've Got Your Backpack Day; Backpack Buddies; Cancer Support Group; Wesley Community Garden; Outreach Depot.

We ask that you please update your prayer request information at least every two weeks.
This ensures that your request will remain on the Prayer List. Thank you.

"Prayer is where the action is." John Wesley